

## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO: The Education Professional Standards Board**

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**FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director**

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**SUBJECT: February 2008 EPSB Update**

### **Mission Statement**

*The Education Professional Standards Board promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.*

### **2007-2008 Program Data**

#### **KTIP/KPIP**

The Kentucky Advisory Council on Internships (KACI) is scheduled to meet February 14th.

- Current number of KPIP interns: 183
- Current number of KTIP interns: 2,997
- This is the first year any of our IECE teacher interns have completed the Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA). Of the total KTIP interns listed above, 78 are IECE interns.

#### **National Board**

- Number of 2007-2008 National Board candidates: 405

### **Assessment**

In an effort to improve our new teacher assessment of early childhood teachers, the EPSB has been working with the Education Testing Service (ETS) to design a test that meets Kentucky standards. With funds provided through KDE, we were able to engage ETS in the redesign of our test. We are planning to review a draft of the IECE test being developed by ETS at the end of February.

### **Celebration on the Hill for the 2007 Class of National Board Certified Teachers**

The EPSB is happy to announce that plans are underway for the Celebration on the Hill for the 2007 Class of National Board Certified Teachers. The EPSB has partnered with KEA, KASA, KASS, WKU, and KANBCT to sponsor a reception at the newly renovated Governor's Mansion honoring the new class of NBCTs. This day is always exciting and

special, but we feel this location will add to the appreciation we wish to show for these highly accomplished educators. Following the reception, a ceremony will be held at the Rotunda where the teachers will be photographed and recognized. Commissioner Draud and Secretary Mountjoy are confirmed as attending, and we are on the Governor's calendar. We will not have a final confirmation from the Governor's office until we are closer to the event, but this is standard procedure. The invitation letters for the new NBCTs are going out this week. Our legislative partners will also receive invitations that include information on the new NBCTs in their districts.

### **Special Education Advisory Board**

Mike Carr met with the Special Education Advisory Board on January 11 to address questions about the number of special education teachers in Kentucky and details on how alternative certification programs operate. An advisory panel to the Kentucky Board of Education, this group includes parents, district personnel, and other stakeholders. Information was also given to the group on the current master's redesign, as members were interested in how they could communicate with the EPSB and the universities about specific areas they would like to see included in the new programs.

### **NASDTEC Southern Region Meeting**

The southern region of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) was held in Nashville on January 25 and 26 to discuss our region's current practices and major issues surrounding certification, program approval, assessment, and legal issues. The meeting was attended by state certification directors from across the region, which stretches from Florida to Texas, with Kentucky being the northernmost state in the region. Mike Carr attended the meeting as EPSB's representative.

### **Review of Math**

The EPSB has convened a task force of both K-12 and higher education math professionals to review the preparation of teachers to teach mathematics effectively.

Charged to address all grade levels, the task force will begin by reviewing the mathematics preparation of elementary teachers. The Math Task Force meeting is set for February 11th at the EPSB.

### **Big Brothers/Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake**

EPSB Bowl for Kids' Sake is coming up soon. Details will be released from the Education Cabinet later this week. The EPSB is scheduled to bowl on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 11:00

### **Meetings, Conferences, Etc.**

February 5 – House Education Committee meeting  
February 5 – Agency-wide staff meeting  
February 5 – SE/SC meeting  
February 5 – Math Preparation Committee meeting  
February 6/7 – Kentucky Board of Education regular meeting  
February 6 – CPE STEM Task Force meeting  
February 6 – GRREC meeting

February 7 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
February 12 – House Education Committee meeting  
February 12 – EPSB Leadership meeting  
February 13 – NKCES meeting  
February 14 – KACI meeting  
February 14 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
February 15 – Kentucky Principal Academy Steering Committee meeting  
February 16 – EPSB Winter Retreat  
February 18 – Ethics Seminar at KY Wesleyan  
February 19 – House Education Committee meeting  
February 19 – CEO Task Force meeting  
February 20 – KEDC meeting  
February 20 – CKEC meeting  
February 21 – Ethics Seminar at Brescia  
February 21 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
February 21 – ELDC meeting  
February 26 – House Education Committee meeting  
February 26 – EPSB Leadership meeting  
February 27 – OVEC meeting  
February 27 – WKEC meeting  
February 28 – Senate Education Committee meeting

**FYI: Acronyms and abbreviations:**

*CEO – Continuing Education Option*

*CPE – Council on Post-Secondary Education*

*ELDC – Education Leadership Development Collaborative*

*IECE – Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education*

*IPR – Intern Performance Record*

*KACI – Kentucky Advisory Council on Internships*

*KACTE – Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators*

*KASA – Kentucky Association of School Administrators*

*KBE – Kentucky Board of Education*

*KECC – Kentucky Employee Chartable Campaign*

*KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative*

*KPIP – Kentucky Principal Internship Program*

*KTIP – Kentucky Teacher Internship Program*

*LEAD – Local Educator Assignment Data*

*NASDTEC – National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification*

*NBPTS – National Board for Professional Teaching Standards*

*NCTAF – National Commission on Teaching and America's Future*

*OVEC – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative*

*SAELP – State Action for Education Leadership Project*

*SESC – Southeast South Central Education Cooperative*

*TPA – Teacher Performance Assessments*

*VAA – Value-Added Assessment*

*WKEC – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative*